

Of the pinks, the old *Louvainensis*, usually spelled *Lovaniensis*, as a large bush gives the pinkest effect in a large planting. *Macrostachya* is another excellent pink. The pinks of the lilacs are much the same as the pinks of the irises, all with a purple tone.

*Ascertain the habit of growth as to height in planning a lilac planting. Some grow much taller than others and the appearance of a group may be affected by placing tall growers in front of those of dwarfer stature.

Keep down suckers but do not destroy those of fine varieties. Plant them in some reserved space and there will be a ready market or exchange for them.

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Three seasons' experience with the beautiful *Mariposa* tulips of California shows that they are admirable bulbs for a coldframe but are too unreliable for open planting in the Northern States, even in the rock garden where they are protected. They make a beautiful display in late May in a frame.

The frame may be set over the planting in the fall and removed in the spring, giving the planting a chance to show its full beauty.

With a heavy mulching of leaves they will come through one winter with comparative safety but do not reappear in quantity or with vigor after that in the open ground. However, the bulbs are so cheap that they can be replaced each year if desired.

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